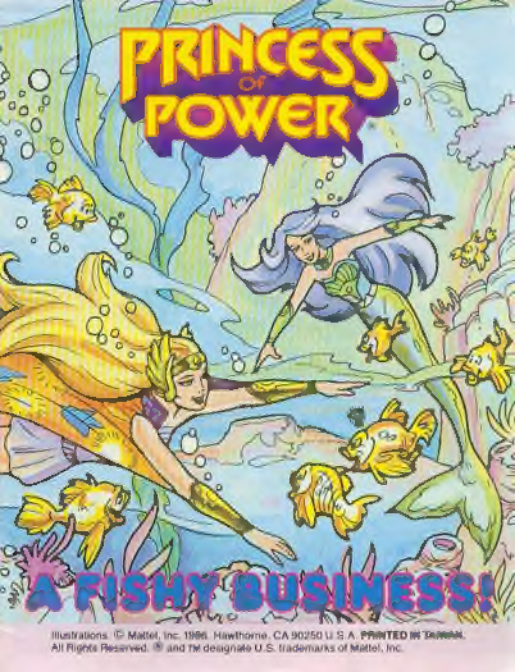


PRINCESS OF POWER



A FISHY BUSINESS!

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In the forest near a stream that began at Crystal Falls, Catra was busy making mischief. She stood back to admire her handiwork, a big waterwheel over the stream. Along the wheel were small fishnets, and on the bank was a giant goldfish bowl filled with water.



There. As long as I don't get wet, this water-stuff is a snap to handle.

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"Now to see if it works." She said. Culra pulled a lever that released the wheel, and the wheel turned in the water. As the wheel went around, the fishnets brought up fish from the stream. The fish were then dumped into a trough that emptied into the goldfish bowl.



"You don't know it yet, Fish-face, but you and I are going into business together."



"I can see it now, I'll open the first marine World in Etheria."



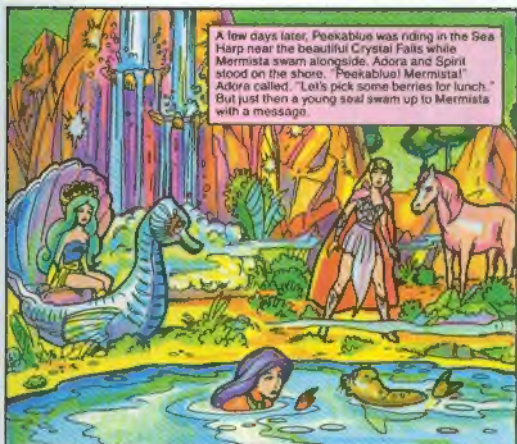


Catra saw herself as master of the show. The fish would do wonderful stunts! Catra herself would be the star. And how the crowd would cheer! Handsome men—maybe even Bow—would be madly in love with her.



"So do some aerobics while I sew up your little swimsuits."

A few days later, Peekablue was riding in the Sea Harp near the beautiful Crystal Falls while Mermista swam alongside. Adora and Spirit stood on the shore. "Peekablue! Mermista!" Adora called. "Let's pick some berries for lunch." But just then a young seal swam up to Mermista with a message.



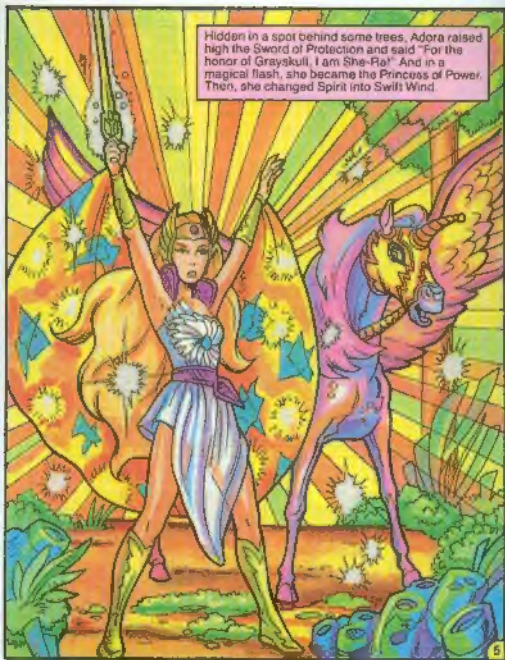
"Oh no! He says his friends, the sunfish and the tuna twins, are missing.

And no one has seen the bluegills since yesterday."

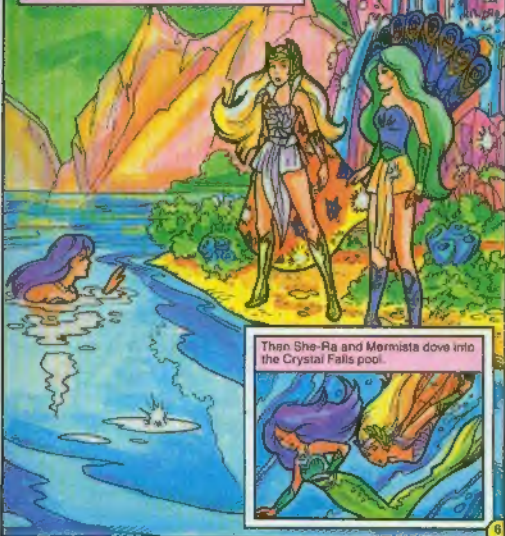
"Hmmm, this could be trouble. I'll go look for help!"



Hidden in a spot behind some trees, Adora raised high the Sword of Protection and said "For the honor of Grayskull, I am She-Ra!" And in a magical flash, she became the Princess of Power. Then, she changed Spirit into Swift Wind.



Peekablue and Mermista were glad She-Ra had come to help. She-Ra suggested they split up. Peekablue said, "I don't want to get my lovely leathers wet, so I'll follow the stream leading into the forest. With my many eyes I'll be able to see any fish who went that way. Then I'll meet you later."



Then She-Ra and Mermista dove into the Crystal Falls pool.





Deep in the blue-green world, the two friends passed great sweeping fronds of sea moss, sparkling stones, many-colored shells, and the broken columns of old ruins. But, oddly enough, no fish. And no one seemed to know where they were!



"Have you seen our friends, the fish?"

"Nope."



"Fish should stay in one place, like I do."

"Then they wouldn't get lost!"

"Then I hope Peekablue has
already found them."

But Peekablue found something else.
As she followed the stream through
the woods, her eyes searched the
water. "I can see all the way to the
bottom!" She exclaimed. But then her
special eyes noticed something
further upstream.





"Why, it's a wheel!
I wonder what...?"

Suddenly Catra rushed out of the forest. "What do you want, Feather-head?"

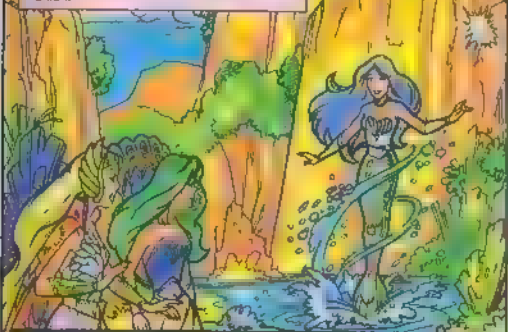
"Catra! What are you doing here?" Peekablue asked.

"I was taking a catnap. Now go away!"

"Hummph!" Peekablue said as she walked away. But she thought, "I'm going to tell She-Ra about this."



A little later the three friends were at Crystal Falls. Peekablue told what she had seen. She-Ra said, "I suspect Catra knows where the fish are. Let's find out." "Wait!" Mermista said. "I want to go along." She dove, her flipped out of the water, her silvery tail dancing on its surface for a moment.



Then with a spin she landed delicately on the shore on webbed feet.



"They're ready."



The friends soon found Catra's waterwheel and watched as more fish were caught in the nets. She-Ra said, "I thought so!" On the ground nearby were blueprints for Catra's plans, and She-Ra looked them over. "An amusement park! Leave it to Catra!" She-Ra stopped the wheel, but Catra, who heard their voices, came running.





"Saving my fish friends
from your clutches!"



"They're mine now,
Miss Scallely-tail!
Now go away before I..."



But Catra had no chance to finish her threat because Mermista quickly drenched Catra with her water spray. "Yeee-ow!" Catra screeched, as she jumped back. "I think you're the one who should leave, Catra," said She-Ra "while we try to undo your mischief."



As Catra ran off, She-Ra lifted the giant fishbowl overhead and dumped it into the stream. "I think it's time you folks went back home to Crystal Falls," she said. And the fish were very happy to do so.



"I don't think we should leave this here either, She-Ra. Catra may use it again."



"You're right, Peekablue. And I think I have a good idea."

Later, under the water at Crystal Falls, She-Ra and Mermista turned Catra's wheel into a ferris wheel. The nets were replaced by little seats. Their friends rode happily 'round and 'round! Mermista said, "I wish Catra could see her waterwheel now!"



"Yes. And I wish Catra would learn that it's not right to use others to get ahead."



"Now — how about a ride?"

